

This mail is in reference to Broadcast Ownership, Docket #02-277.

For a broadcast Conglomerate like Clear Channel to be able to restrict programming, i.e. Dixie Chicks songs played on the stations they own, is a violation of free speech. That company is limiting the right of free speech by their employees and certainly the rights of the Dixie Chicks.

PLEASE do not relax the rules of Broadcast Ownership. It will simply allow the "mighty" to decide what the "rest of us" will be exposed to, whether it is music, talk radio, news or public information.

I urge you to keep this in mind when you vote for relaxing the rules on June 2, 2003.

Respectfully,
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